



# Lowell City Council Transportation SC Minutes

Michael Q. Geary City Clerk

Date: May 10, 2022 Time: 5:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom Hybrid

## PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call was Chairman Rourke. C. Jenness, C. Nuon. Also present was Christine McCall (DPD), Katherine Moses (DPD), Terry Ryan (Parking Dir.), C. Mercier and M. Chau.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

C. Rourke called meeting to order and outlined agenda items as well as noted attendance.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Moses provided presentation entitled "Electric Vehicles Charging Progress and Opportunities" which provided a history of the charging stations in the City; greenhouse gas savings; funding sources; expansion; other considerations; and conclusion. Ms. Moses noted grant funding from both the federal and state level. C. Jenness question utilization rates for the current charges in the City. Mr. Ryan provided that information and outlined the current policy regarding them. C. Jenness commented on possible future use of Level 3 chargers. Ms. Moses noted there were limited opportunities with these as they are costly. C. Jenness questioned if grid would need upgrading to adjust to increase in use. Ms. Moses noted currently there is no need for upgrade but in the future it would probably be needed. Mr. Ryan noted current projects do not need upgrade of the grid. C. Jenness questioned use of pole mounted features which may be best practice in this area. Ms. Moses noted current partnership with National Grid regarding this feature. C. Mercier questioned costs to the consumers. Mr. Ryan noted that currently there are no costs to them but further noted that will need to change.

C. Rourke opened meeting up to public with following addressing the body: Zuhair Syed (Zoom); Mohemed Faiz (Zoom); Winifred Flint (Zoom); Steve Malagodi; and Jonathan Grossman.

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C. Nuon recognized the speakers and commented on environmental benefits of charges and that City is moving forward and further that costs will need to be assessed at one point. C. Rourke note it was a very informative meeting and discussion will continue.

**Motion** to adjourn by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk